

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 15-16 have been canceled and claims 12-14 have been withdrawn. Thus, Claims 6-11 and new claim 17 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-5, 15 and 16. These claims have been canceled from the application. However, the Examiner indicated that claims 6-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Thus, claims 6 and 7 have been rewritten and include all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims, with only a few changes to correct minor problems. New claim 17 has also been added based on the allowable subject matter to eliminate certain unnecessary limitations of rewritten claims 6 and 7.

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and issuance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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